

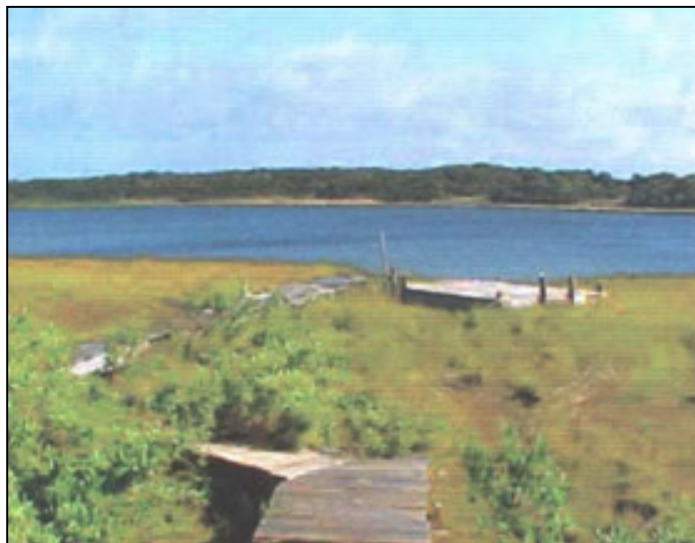


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Barrier Beach Protected

Over 14 acres added to Horseneck Beach State Reservation

Town of Westport, MA (February 2006) - With \$475,000 in NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts intends to acquire 14.3 acres of land located in Westport. The acquired property will be added to Horseneck Beach State Reservation which consists of 600 acres of barrier beach and salt marsh and is a major destination point for public recreation. The property, which is a wooded knoll on the Horseneck Channel, is identified as an Area of Habitat of Rare Wildlife. Approximately 35% of the property is a saltwater marsh and about 1.5 acres are open water, including 1,700' of saltwater frontage. Outdoor enthusiasts will surely enjoy a variety of recreational pursuits on this additional acreage. For more information, please contact Mary Vavra, Project Manager, at mary_vavra@nps.gov or (215) 597- 9175.



Premier Waterfront Park Created from Surplus River Access Site

Community obtains permanent public access for boating, fishing, and more



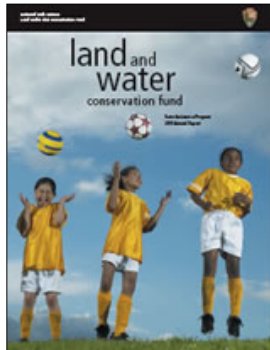
Henderson, KY (February 24, 2006) -The National Park Service (NPS) Federal Lands to Parks program transferred the Atkinson Park Access Site to the City of Henderson, Kentucky, at no cost, as a critical addition to their community riverfront park. Valued at over \$750,000, this 11.3 - acre site provides a boat launching ramp, fishing dock, parking area, restrooms, entrance road, and grassy

open space overlooking the Ohio River. Formerly acquired and developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for boating access, the property will be operated as an integral part of Atkinson Park. NPS Federal Lands to Parks staff negotiated the transfer. For more information, please contact Bill Huie, Federal Lands to Parks Program Manager, at Bill_Huie@nps.gov or 404- 562- 3175.

In Depth

Your Spring Break Reading List:

New NPS Reports available - The following reports highlight samples of ongoing program activities and feature recent project successes.



Land and Water Conservation Fund: This year's report on the LWCF State Assistance Program emphasizes the impact of state and local parks in strengthening community public health. In 2005, LWCF leveraged more than \$135 million from non-federal sources to protect land, create new parks, and enhance existing parks across the country. View online at <http://www.nps.gov/lwcf/>. Contact: Michael Wilson at micheal_d_wilson@nps.gov or 202-354-6905.

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance: This report highlights 2005 accomplishments of the RTCA program by providing a sample of ongoing project partnerships. These “Postcards from our Partners” help tell the story of NPS community conservation assistance and are available online at <http://www.nps.gov/rtca/>. Contact: Corita Jones at corita_jones@nps.gov or 202-354-6908.

National Historic and Scenic Trails: This summary highlights five years of partnership accomplishments on National Historic and National Scenic Trails. The full report will be available in Spring 2006. Contact: Steve Elkinton at steve_elkinton@nps.gov or 202-354-6938.

Hydropower Assistance: A new series of case studies describes the NPS role in providing technical assistance on recreation and conservation issues in Hydropower Licensing Proceedings of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Contact: Joan Harn at joan_harn@nps.gov or 202-354-6929.

Conservation Successes informs Department of Interior staff, conservation partners, and friends about the program successes of the National Center for Recreation and Conservation. For more details, please contact the staff person involved with each project. This e-mail newsletter may be copied or redirected; our staff would be pleased to assist your editor in adapting any of these stories for your publication. To subscribe or unsubscribe, please call (202) 354-6900 or e-mail sally_grate@nps.gov

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